

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a program-controlled water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance, comprising the steps of:

providing a program control device which controls for controlling at least one of the following devices present in the water-bearing domestic appliance: a water supply and outlet device, a heating device, and a drive device; the program control device also controlling water which controls temperature, and wherein the program control device operates the water-bearing cleaning appliance according to an article-washing program and according to a self-cleaning program, wherein the self-cleaning program includes steps that are different from the article-cleaning program with the self-cleaning program being selectively operable in an initial switch-on condition and in a user selected switch-on condition, with the initial switch-on condition including an affirmation step activated by a user;

determining whether an initial switch-on condition within the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance exists, the initial switch-on condition being caused by at least one of an initial post-installation activation of the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance and the user-activated self-cleaning program setting, and, if such an initial switch-on condition exists, and, upon affirmation by the user;

operating, under the control of the program control device in furtherance of a self-cleaning program, at least one of the water supply, the discharge, the water level, the driving speed, the duration of the drive

~~control within at least one program section, and the duration of at least one program section which at least one of controls the following devices and measures such that in a program for cleaning components whose program run consists of a washing program section and a rinsing program section, wherein all components coming into contact with water during proper article cleaning operation are wetted with at least one of water and cleaning solution in this program section: at least one of the water supply, the discharge, the water level, the driving speed, the duration of the drive control within at least one program section, and the duration of at least one program section; and~~
~~which recognizes a switch on of the domestic cleaning appliance and thereupon issues a prompt for carrying out a program for cleaning the components.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the program control device periodically during the method performs the step of issuing issues at least one prompt for at least one of an operating action and of information instructions.
14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the program control device during the method performs the step of issuing issues an instruction as to the required dose of cleaning agent.
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the program control device operates the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance at a water level lower than a water level used during normal operations for cleaning of all the components coming into contact with water ~~is carried with such a low water level that these components are only just wetted.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 wherein the domestic cleaning appliance includes a washing machine and the program control device executes the step of establishing the temperature in a wash program section is of about 90 °C.
18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the driving speed for a laundry drum in wash and rinse program sections is selected so that the circumferential speed of the laundry drum is greater than 1.1 m/s.
19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein in wash and rinse program sections the laundry drum is operated in at least one of alternate directions of rotation and the duration of the drive ~~control~~ excitation is greater than 65% of the program duration.
20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the washing machine is emptied in the last program section and in this case the drive is not controlled.
21. (Currently Amended) A water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance comprising:
a program control device which generates control signals for at least one of a water supply and outlet device, a heater and a drive device such that at least one of the water supply, discharge, water level, the temperature, the driving speed and at least one of the duration of the drive control within at least one program section and the duration of at least one program section are variable;
wherein the program control device ~~includes a means~~ is configured for recognizing ~~a switching on of the domestic cleaning appliance~~ an initial switch-on condition within the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance,
the initial switch-on condition being caused be at least one of an initial

post-installation activation of the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance and a user-activated self-cleaning program setting, and a means for issuing a prompt for carrying out the program for cleaning the components coming into contact with water during proper article-cleaning operation;

wherein the program control device:

controls at least one of a water supply and outlet device, a heating device, and a drive device;

controls temperature;

controls the following devices and measures such that in a program for cleaning components whose program run consists of a washing program section and a rinsing program section, all components coming into contact with water during proper operation are wetted with at least one of water and cleaning solution in this program section: at least one of the water supply, the discharge, the water level, the driving speed, the duration of the drive control within at least one program section, and the duration of at least one program section; and

~~recognizes a switching on of the domestic cleaning appliance~~ an initial switch-on condition within the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance, the initial switch-on condition being caused by at least one of an initial post-installation activation of the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance and a user-activated self-cleaning program setting, and thereupon issues a prompt for carrying out a program for cleaning the components.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (New) A water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance having at least some internal components thereof that come into contact with water during article-cleaning operation of the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance, the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance comprising:

a program control device for controlling operation of the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance according to a preprogrammed set of operational commands; determining whether an initial switch-on condition exists within the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance, the initial switch-on condition being caused by at least one of an initial post-installation activation of the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance and a user-activated self-cleaning program setting, and, upon determining that the initial switch-on condition exists within the water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance exists; and controlling the program control device to cause the program control device to execute at least one of a washing program section and a rinsing program section, water supply and discharge including controlling at least one of overall water level, at least one of a driving speed and a duration of the drive control within at the least one washing program section and rinsing program section; and the duration of the at least one washing program section and rinsing program section being such that all components coming into contact with water during article-cleaning operation are wetted with at least one of water and cleaning solution.